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- 1. ON APRIL 15 REMAINING 10 PERCENT OF ORIGINAL 50 PERCENT PRIOR EXCHANGE DEPOSIT FIRST INRODUCED IN EARLY MAY 1976 WAS ELIMINATED ON SCHEDULE. THIS COMPLETED DISMANTLEMENT OF PRIOR DEPOSIT (7 PERCENT EXCHANGE TAX WAS ALSO TERMINATED ON FEBRUARY 18, AS SCHEDULE).
- 2. ITALIAN PRESS REPORTED THAT ELIMINATION OF PRIOR DEPOSIT HAD

LITTLE EFFECT ON EXCHANGE MARKET APRIL 15. IN FACT, ALTHOUGH VOLUME OF TRANSACTIONS WAS FAIRLY HIGH AND THERE
WAS MODEST INTERVENTION IN SUPPORT OF LIRA, MARKET SEEMS TO HAVE ACCEPTED COMPLETE ELIMINATION OF THIS CRUTCH WITHOUT GREAT EXCITEMENT. SOME REPORTS DID POINT OUT THAT RECENT STRENGTH OF LIRA IN EXCHANGE MARKET IS OWED IN NO SMALL PART TO LARGE-SCALE SHORTTERM CAPITAL INFLOWS FROM FOREIGN BANKS, REFLECTING QUANTITATIVE BANK CREDIT CEILINGS AND HIGH INTEREST RATES IN ITALY. EVIDENTLY LOAN DEMAND STILL REMAINS SUFFICIENTLY HIGH IN ITALY AND CONFIDENCE IN LIRA, AT LEAST IN SHORT TERM, IS SUFFICIENTLY STRONG THAT ITALIAN BORROWERS
ARE WILLING TO ACCEPT EXCHANGE RISK IN VIEW OF CONTINUED LARGE UNCOVERED SPREAD IN SHORT TERM INTEREST RATES IN FAVOR OF BORROWING ABROAD.GARDNER

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